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CHRONIC PAIN USING MEK
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RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 17, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action in the above-identified application that was mailed to Applicants' attorney on February 17, 2004. A response to the February 17, 2004 Action was due three (3) months from its mailing date, i.e., May 17, 2003. Submitted with this Amendment is a Petition for an Extension of Time requesting that the period for responding to the Action be extended by three (3) months so that it does not expire until August 17, 2004. Therefore, this amendment is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.